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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 13, 2008. Applicant believes that no extension of time or fee is due for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.